

Among other curiosities brought here were two huge Arizona tarantulas, both of which were full grown. One was of the brown and the other of the black variety. The brown fellow was caged in a common cigar box, and the black one in a glass jar. As they could not be exhibited to advantage in contrivances of this kind, and as they were not very pleasant company to have running about loose, a box almost two feet square, with a glass top, was procured, on the bottom of which a layer of sand was spread to make the animals feel at home. The cover was then drawn, and the two spiders pitched into it from their separate cages.

No sooner did the one discover the other's presence than they rushed at each other as viciously as two panthers, and immediately closed in deadly embrace. They came together with a bound, and then twining their long, hairy legs about each other rolled over and over in the sand, biting each other savagely, and then tugging with all their might, as if endeavoring to crush each other by sheer muscular power. Incredible as it may seem this sort of warfare was kept up for six hours, during most of which time it could not be seen that either was gaining the slightest advantage, as neither showed any signs of disposition to end the fight except by the death of his adversary. At last the black one succumbed and rolled over dead on the sand, while the victor immediately proceeded to reap the spoils of his long battle.

Seizing his vanquished enemy in his stout horns or pincers, or what ever contrivance he has for that purpose, he rapidly tore him limb from limb and coolly proceeded, in true cannibal style, to make a meal of him. In a very short time nothing was left except a little pile of legs and pieces of shell to mark the spot where one tarantula had fallen and another had dined.—Denver Tribune.

Diamonds in Frisco, Utah.

Considerable excitement has been caused by the diamond discoveries at a place twenty miles southwest of here. Charles Lamersdorf has been prospecting for precious stones for months, and last week he took a party of men to Salt Lake for a trial. It is claimed that these men found diamonds and other precious stones of great value when out prospecting. The land where they are found covers over 300 acres of wash or gravel beds, and it is asserted that gold is also found in the same ground. A rush was made to the place last week and the ground was staked off in claims in the names of various persons here. What will become of this we know not, and we are not prepared to offer an opinion as to the nature of the find, if there is any value attached to the stones. Tiffany & Co., of New York, have had samples which they pronounce of value, and it may be that when depth is reached in mining, larger and better ones will be obtained.—Corr. Salt Lake Tribune.

The Astascosa Copper Mines.

The Metallic, Wabash and St. Lawrence mines in the Astascosa Mountains, reported to have been purchased by Colonel Sykes about two weeks since, have in truth, been purchased by Messrs. Dana Harmon and David W. McNeil. So far as developed the mines are everything that their owners claim them to be, and if they continue good at the end of the pick point, which will gradually be working down, will prove most valuable properties. Messrs. Harmon and McNeil are prepared to expend \$8000 or \$10000 on them if developments warrant the outlay. Men will be put on and the work of development at once commenced. The Astascosa range lies between Tabac and Oro Blanco, and has as yet been but little prospected.—Tucson Citizen.

The most novel figure of speech used during the late campaign was by Congressman Butterworth, of Cincinnati. Speaking of the east and west, he said: "The truth of the matter is, that we have raised a great national cow, with her forefeet on this side of the Alleghenies and her hind quarters on the other side. The people of the west have been feeding her and the people of the east milking her, and now we propose to turn the animal around."

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